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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak, mostly weak. Retail demand was exceedingly light with lingering hot weather partially to blame. Food service was ranged light to moderate, best into fast food. Supplies were adequate to ample with reports of orders being cancelled in areas of the Midwest. In the parts structure, trading was light and spotty with extreme discounting having no positive effect on movement. Supplies were at least adequate and readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .75 cent to 60.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on the 29th of July 1998.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)

BREASTS - B/S	157.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	76.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	63.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	53.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 7/24/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	181,911	175,380	+04
CHICKS PLACED	143,151	135,983	+05

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up 4 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 182 million eggs during the week ending July 24, 1999. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 143 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 1999. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through July 24, 1999, were 4.20 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Sep-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 70.70 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was weak. Offerings were plentiful to burdensome for full trade needs. Steep discounts offered but had yet to stimulate the very light buyer interest. Demand for whole body was fairly good where featured elsewhere light; demand for parts moderate overall. Floor stocks were adequate to heavier than desired. The market tone was weak on breasts and wings with balance of parts about steady.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail movement was mostly slow and unaggressive with very little trading. Food service was slightly better ranging light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to abundant and difficult to move. In the parts structure, trading was moderate at best, but overall mostly inactive. Supplies were ample to balanced. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was weak. Offerings were plentiful with buyer interest limited. Retail demand was very light. Food service demand continued irregular, light to moderate, best into fast food accounts and resort areas. Floor stocks were balanced to at least fully adequate as dealers try to maintain a close balance. Sizes were in a full range, mostly desirable. Parts supplies were fully adequate to ample. Trading was mixed, mostly slow to inactive with buyers highly selective. The trade sentiment was steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on the balance of parts.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was often noted as pathetic. Offerings appeared overwhelming compared to the practically nonexistent demand. The market tone was very dreary. In the parts market, prices no matter how low, attracted very little, if any, interest.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sluggish and many sellers noted unsuccessful attempts to satisfactorily clear ample offerings. Live supplies remained at least moderate; weights were mixed in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent lower at 50 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment continued weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, where light and spotty sales were reported, they were usually at highly competitive levels as buyers were reluctant to book any items in excess of their limited needs and sellers were anxious to clear inventories.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	52-74
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.52
NO. OF BOXES	5,324

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

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JULY 27, 1999					<u>SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u>					JULY 28, 1999				
POUNDS					WTD					POUNDS				
<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>AVG</u>
BREAST - B/S	901	125.00-189.00	140-145	148.38	BREAST - B/S	771	128.00-189.00	140-145	146.09	BREAST - B/S	771	128.00-189.00	140-145	146.09
TENDERLOINS	117	122.00-195.00	-	140.56	TENDERLOINS	132	129.00-195.00	-	142.05	TENDERLOINS	132	129.00-195.00	-	142.05
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				BREAST - LINE RUN	143	65.00-69.00	-	67.88	BREAST - LINE RUN	143	65.00-69.00	-	67.88
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	96	24.00-37.00	24-25	26.17	LEGS	96	24.00-37.00	24-25	26.17	LEGS	96	24.00-37.00	24-25	26.17
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	951	13.00-20.00	15-16	16.53	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	831	13.00-20.00	15-16	15.42	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	831	13.00-20.00	15-16	15.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	940	18.00-20.00	18-19	18.16	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	17.00-21.00	17.5-18	17.95	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,120	17.00-21.00	17.5-18	17.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	223	46.00-56.00	47-50	49.90	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	46.00-56.00	47-48	49.30	WINGS (WHOLE)	295	46.00-56.00	47-48	49.30
WINGS (CUT)	470	55.00-70.00	59-62	60.80	WINGS (CUT)	455	57.00-70.00	59-60	60.54	WINGS (CUT)	455	57.00-70.00	59-60	60.54
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	112	50.00-72.00	-	55.79	B/S THIGHS	112	50.00-72.00	-	55.79
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS				
TRADING FOR JULY 27, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JULY 28, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR JULY 28, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE					TODAY'S AVERAGE					TODAY'S				
31.50-43.50					38.93					5-DAY				
										AVERAGE				
										31.00 - 44.00				
										37.55				
										38.25				
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<u>NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS</u>									
Trucklot buying interest was described by some traders as being pathetic. Product was generally offered at extreme discounts to current values, but to the disappointment of sellers, attracted little or no interest. Demand was poor with several dealers commenting that the only light they saw at the end of the tunnel was another train. The market tone was very depressed especially when traders compared this year's values to those of last year.									
*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL									
TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES					JULY 27, 1999				
					JULY 28, 1999				
ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG	WTD	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-145		147.61	441,680	BREAST - B/S	130-140		147.36	311,440
TENDERLOINS	-		134.76	43,360	TENDERLOINS	-		135.06	17,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61		73.09	92,120	BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59		71.09	110,920
BREAST - LINE RUN	60		61.16	135,280	BREAST - LINE RUN	58		57.73	144,000
LEGS	28-29		32.50	147,408	LEGS	27-28		32.18	114,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17		19.60	178,880	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17		20.10	156,640
DRUMSTICKS	30-31		33.08	59,280	DRUMSTICKS	30-31		32.93	48,600
THIGHS	17-18		27.97	54,320	THIGHS	17-18		28.64	45,360
B/S THIGHS	70-71		69.40	25,320	B/S THIGHS	70-71		71.60	21,440
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53		59.36	137,760	WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53		61.56	129,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.00	10,600	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.04	9,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		30.00	11,720	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		29.64	11,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40		40.00	22,120	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40		39.82	22,720
INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).									
* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.									
** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.									

<u>ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)</u>								
	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>AVG</u>	
	07/28	07/27	07/26	07/23	07/26	07/23	07/21	07/19
ALA	3,795	3,892	3,824	4,159	5.07	5.13	3,844	5.11
ARK	4,715	5,450	5,055	6,348	4.76	4.59	4,828	4.98
DELMARVA	2,436	2,443	2,442	2,476	5.01	4.88	2,448	5.08
KY-LA-TN	1,796	1,791	1,691	1,929	4.38	4.36	1,760	4.56
MISS	2,812	2,817	2,711	2,682	4.96	4.90	2,774	4.98
NC	2,572	2,576	2,484	2,618	5.65	5.43	2,554	5.67
TEXAS	2,085	2,068	2,054	2,054	4.72	4.64	2,050	4.69
TOTAL	20,211	21,037	20,261	22,266	4.95	4.84	20,258	5.04
MON-WED	61,816 (A)				60,260 (A)			
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.								
Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Jul 99 is estimated to be 30,238,000 down 0.53 percent from a week ago and up 7.9 percent from a year ago.								
(Last week 30,399,000; last year 28,031,000)								

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</u>		<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS		82-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP		82-90
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		83-91
DUCKS		135
RABBITS-WHOLE		334-359
RABBITS-CUT UP		351-376
<u>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</u>		
<u>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</u>		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-98
	DRY PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-110
	DRY PACK	118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	92
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 31

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/31/99 (1)	07/24/99
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	153,315 (2)	160,983
LT HENS	2,212	2,327
HVY HENS	1,572	1,514
CHECK TOTAL	157,099	164,824

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jul-99 is 156.4 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.2 million head or 1.2 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Aug-99 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 26-Jul-99	188,351	95,497
AM 1-July-99	180,335	96,237
CHG	8,016	-740
PCT CHG	4	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	07/26/99	07/19/99	07/27/98	07/26/99	07/19/99	07/20/98
PACIFIC						
COAST	41,680	40,668	44,068	19,310	19,777	9,693
LOS						
ANGELES	1,158	279	481	9,586	10,200	3,207

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 07/27/99

	LO	HI	AVG	LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb..401.05	.84	HEAVY FOWL ea.	.752.75	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb. -	-	-LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb..20.30	.23	MIXED FOWL ea.	.501.50	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb. -	-	-BANTAMS ea.	.251.75	-	-	-
BROILERS lb. .25 .40	.32	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb..40 .50	.43	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-	-
FRYERS lb. -	-	-FRYERS ea.	-	-	-	-
CHICKS lb. -	-	-CHICKS ea.	.50 .60	-	-	-
PULLETS lb. -	-	-PULLETS ea.	.751.00	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb. -	-	-BUNNIES ea.	-3.25	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb..601.00	.81	ROOSTERS ea.	- .40	-	-	-
GEESE lb. - .35	-	-GEESE ea.	-1.00	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb. -	-	-TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-	-
DUCKS lb. .401.00	.70	DUCKS ea.	-1.00	-	-	-
RABBITS lb. .10 .90	.46	RABBITS ea.	-1.00	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb. -	-	-PIGEONS ea.	.502.50	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.-	-	-GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb. -	-	-DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea. - 2.25	-	-CALL DUCKS ea.-5.00	-	-	-	-
SILKIES ea. -	-	-GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 93

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JULY 26, 1999.

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-62
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MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 16, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	57.33	102.02	68.01	24.29	4.86	46.15
High	59.27	116.59	82.59	29.15	5.83	46.15
Mostly	58.30	106.88	77.73	24.29	5.83	46.15

SAN JUAN

Low	59.27	106.88	63.16	24.29	5.83	52.47
High	60.73	121.45	72.87	34.01	8.74	53.44
Mostly	60.24	111.74	68.01	26.72	7.29	52.47

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	57.33	102.02	68.01	19.43	4.86	43.72
High	59.75	116.59	87.45	29.15	5.83	43.72
Mostly	58.30	106.88	77.73	19.43	5.83	43.72

BECERRA

Low	60.24	106.88	72.87	26.72	7.29	54.41
High	61.21	126.31	75.30	34.01	8.74	54.41
Mostly	61.21	116.59	72.87	29.15	7.29	54.41

Major Wholesale Markets - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending July 23, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	58.08	106.48	72.60	24.20	4.84	45.98
High	60.50	121.00	87.12	29.04	5.81	45.98
Mostly	60.50	121.00	77.44	24.20	5.81	45.98

SAN JUAN

Low	59.05	101.64	62.92	19.36	5.81	53.24
High	60.02	116.16	72.60	31.46	7.26	53.24
Mostly	59.05	111.32	67.76	24.20	7.26	53.24

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	58.08	101.64	72.60	19.36	4.84	43.56
High	60.50	121.00	87.12	24.20	5.81	43.56
Mostly	59.05	116.16	72.60	19.36	5.81	43.56

BECERRA

Low	59.05	106.48	72.60	29.04	5.81	50.82
High	60.50	121.00	77.44	31.46	8.71	50.82
Mostly	60.50	111.32	72.60	29.04	5.81	50.82

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